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PREMIER'S WIFE AT FLAG DAY



There were busy workers in the streets of London yesterday selling for Welsh Flag Day. Among them was Mrs. Lloyd George, who, with her escort of Welsh children, visited the various collecting stations.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)

THE KING AT DARTFORD.



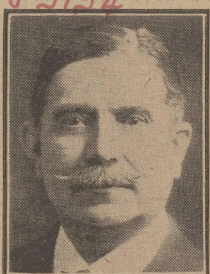
The Queen shakes hands with the pupils

ACTRESS ARRESTED.

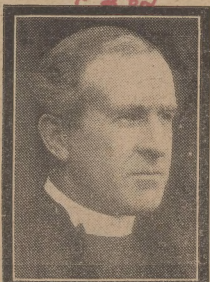


Mlle. Suzy Delys, an actress of the Sarah Bernhardt Theatre, Paris, together with four other persons, has been arrested at Dijon on a charge of espionage. Suzy Delys is a famous beauty, and was among the competitors in *The Daily Mirror* Beauty Competition five years ago.

NEW KNIGHT.



Mr. W. H. Raeburn, who is retiring from the position of president of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, has been knighted by the King.



The Archbishop of York has arrived at an Atlantic port en route for Washington, where he will call upon President Wilson in the course of his visit to the United States.



The King in the grounds of the college.

The King and Queen visited Bergman Osterberg Physical Training College, Dartford, where some seventy-six lady pupils are training for physical instruction.

CHANCE FOR ALL TO WIN BIG PRIZE.

'Daily Mirror's' Scheme to Help Food Production.

AMATEURS' POTATOES.

There must be no misconception as to the purpose of *The Daily Mirror's* £750 prize scheme for potatoes grown by amateurs.

It is intended solely and exclusively to stimulate the increased production of potatoes throughout the country, and not to encourage growers to concentrate or specialise for prize purposes.

It is not the monster potato nor the best quality potato which will carry off the prizes. A tremendous increase in production is the only aim of *The Daily Mirror's* prize scheme.

That aim, it is believed, can best be achieved by encouraging the production of the largest crop from a given plot of a stated area.

It is obviously difficult to formulate a scheme which shall be at once practical and simple on these lines.

There are so many technical objections to be overcome, but it will be seen from the details of the prize scheme, when they are completed and announced later, that as far as is possible every

£750 FOR POTATOES.

The *Daily Mirror's* Prize List for potatoes is as follows:—

First Prize	£500
Second Prize	£100
Third Prize	£50
Fourth Prize	£25
Fifth Prize	£10
And Thirteen Prizes of	£5

The *Daily Mirror* cannot undertake private correspondence about the scheme.

amateur potato grower in the land will have a fair and square chance of winning the prizes—the first of which is in cash.

Soil and local conditions will be carefully considered when the potatoes are judged, and amateur growers have just as much chance of winning the big prizes as the growers with many acres at their disposal.

You need not fear the competition of the professional potato grower. The prize scheme is not open to him.

Loud applause greeted the announcement at a meeting of the Harrow Amateur Association that *The Daily Mirror* was offering £750 in prizes to amateur potato growers.

ACTRESS' ARREST.

Espionage Charge Against Famous Parisian Beauty and Singer.

PARIS, Friday.—Following the discovery of a fresh espionage case at Dijon, five persons have been arrested. Henri Jay, dealer in antiques, of Dijon; a Parisian artist named Suzy Depuy and her husband, Emile Guiller; a man named Trevellez, the owner of a chateau near Quimperle; and Louis Brodier—Reuter.

An Exchange newspaper says: The censorship recently prohibited the publication of the news of the arrest of Suzy Depuy, an actress at the Sarah Bernhardt Theatre. The news is now released.

Depuy and Trevellez were arrested, together with three other persons, on a charge of espionage.

Suzy Depuy is a famous beauty and was among the competitors in *The Daily Mirror* Beauty Competition some years ago.

7 YEARS FOR MME. ROCHE

Accessory After Sack Murder—Voisin to Die To-day.

There was a painful scene at the Old Bailey yesterday when Berthe Roche, thirty-eight, a Frenchwoman, was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for being an accessory after the murder of Mme. Gerard.

For the murder, Louis Voisin, whom the defence decided not to call, will be executed at Pentonville Prison at 9 a.m. to-day.

The jury were away for nearly an hour. "I am innocent, I did not know Mme. Gerard," the prisoner exclaimed when their verdict was interpreted to her. Then she broke down and collapsed. Assisted to a seat at the side of the dock, she moaned and wailed at the top of her voice, and had to be carried to the cell.

"TSAR NOT A TRAITOR."

Sir George Buchanan, late British Ambassador at Petrograd, speaking in London last night, said that he would like to correct a report which had been widely circulated to the effect that the Tsar on the eve of his abdication was in favour of concluding a separate peace with Germany.

There was not, he was convinced, a word of truth in that report. The Emperor no doubt had much to answer for, but he was not a traitor. He would never have betrayed the cause of the Allies, and he was always the true and loyal friend of this country.



Prince William. The King of Rumania. Berlin telegrams state that Czarina's peace terms to King Ferdinand of Rumania were, among others, his abdication in favour of his brother, Prince William of Hohenzollern (who ruled, principally from the castle of Sigmaringen, Prussia), or the taking of a referendum in Rumania regarding his successor.—Exchange.

THE BOYS OF WALES.

Premier on Sunday School Lads' Fighting Record in Palestine.

"THE FIRST IN BETHLEHEM."

Welsh flags, gilt leak brooches, daffodils and other emblems of the Principality were sold in London yesterday (St. David's Day) on behalf of the Welsh regiments.

Speech at a Welsh celebration at the Queen's Hall, Mr. Lloyd George said:—

"Say what you like, I am a very busy man, and I am not sure I should have come at all to-night, but I had orders from my wife, and any war is better than war at home."

Dealing with the record of the Welsh battalions, the Prime Minister said:—

"In France, in some of the most terrible battles ever fought in the history of the world, they were the men who upheld the honour of their native land. In Palestine! What a record! They started from Beersheba and they are working their way towards Dan, so that in the Sunday schools of the future it will be necessary to change the phrase from Dan to Beersheba to Beersheba to Dan. (Laughter.)

"They were the first to eject the Turks out of Bethlehem, where the Saviour was born. The boys of Wales—they were the first on the Mount of Olives. They entered the Sacred Gates of Jerusalem, which they had helped to capture by their valour, and the last one heard of them was that they were driving the Turks across the flooded waters of the Jordan."

"Think of that, of the boys of the Sunday schools of Wales!"

GOOD NEWS FOR SMOKERS.

Official Step to Obtain Better Supply of Tobacco.

A Board of Trade announcement issued last night states that the attention of the Tobacco and Matches Control Board has been called to the fact that certain retailers are not getting the full supplies of tobacco which they are entitled to receive from their wholesale houses.

Where wholesale dealers are receiving full supplies from their manufacturers their failure to supply in full their retail customers is an offence against the Tobacco Restriction Order No. 3, issued under the Defence of the Realm Act, and will be dealt with accordingly.

If wholesale dealers are not receiving their full supplies they must distribute such amounts as they do receive proportionately among their retail customers.

GREAT TANK BANK WEEK.

Interesting Souvenir for £10,000 Investors by Pigeon Post.

Everything is practically ready for the great tank campaign, which begins in London on Monday.

No fewer than six tanks will be engaged in the sale of National War Bonds and War Savings Certificates, and there is high expectation that over £100,000,000 will be raised.

Sir John Ellerman, for the Ellerman Line, will purchase £1,000,000 worth of Bonds.

All people investing over £10,000 in the Trafalgar-square tank may send their application to the tank by the military pigeon post.

Arrangements have been made for the little metal cylinder which contains the message and is attached to the pigeon's leg, to be given afterwards to the investor, as a souvenir, together with a duplicate of the message it contained.

MILITARY LAW IN IRELAND.

Brigadier-General Burnett, commanding the new military area of Clare, yesterday issued an order regarding certain areas around Scariff, Bodyke and Tomgraney, in East Clare, closing licensed premises, save between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., warning people to be within doors at night and prohibiting all meetings and assemblies, including fairs and markets.

LOCKED-OUT "AMBASSADOR."

M. Maxim Litvinoff, Minister of the Russian People's Government, attended in the Chancery Division yesterday, and was granted an injunction restraining his landlord at 82, Victoria-street, Westminster, from locking the door upon him.

"VERDUN OR WAR."

Huns' Impudent Demand to France in 1914—Secret Documents.

M. PICHON'S REVELATIONS.

Remarkable disclosures of secret documents, says Reuter, were made by M. Pichon, Foreign Minister, speaking yesterday in Paris. One document, carefully deposited among the German Chancellery's most secret archives, showed, said M. Pichon, how Germany tried to drag France into the trap made for the whole of Europe.

It is known by the official publication in the German White-book that on July 31, 1914, the Imperial Chancellor in instructing Baron von Schoen, the German Ambassador in Paris, to notify to us that there was a danger of war between Germany and Russia, requested the Ambassador to ask us to remain neutral.

What is not generally known and what I now reveal is that the telegram containing these instructions ended with these words:—

"If the French Government declares that it will remain neutral, your Excellency will kindly inform it that we must, as a guarantee for neutrality, demand the handing over of the fortresses of Toul and Verdun, which will occupy and will restore them on the conclusion of the war with Russia."

Such is the price Germany intended that we should pay for her weakness if we had been infamous enough to betray our Russia. All we

"Who can say where she would have stopped if we had been base enough to swallow the obvious bait dangled before us by her shameful treachery?"

ALONE FOR EIGHT MONTHS

British Soldier's Terrible Ordeal in Hands of "German Comrades."

The Daily Mirror has received the following extract from a letter from the honorary secretary of a regimental fund:—

Regarding X, last week we had the first news of this poor wretched man. He states he has been practically in solitary confinement for eight months, not a soul to speak to except now and then a few words in French.

Always cold, always hungry, without a pair of socks for his feet, unable to wash a shirt, one small piece of bread and soup all the food given to him daily; implores for parcels, yet knows they will not be given to him.

Let us comrades know how the Germans are treating him. It can't be too widely known in these dangerous days of "German comrades."

ART AND PROPAGANDA.

Lord Beaverbrook on the Way to Catch the Public Eye.

Opening an exhibition of the works of Mr. C. R. W. Nevinson, the official artist in the western front, at the Leicester Galleries yesterday, Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Information, said that art as an instrument for propaganda was most effective.

For a long time the Canadian Records of the war have been taking full advantage of that form of propaganda, and had employed no fewer than twenty-eight artists in the work.

Only men unfit for the Army are to be employed by the Ministry of Information. All men on the staff of military age—other than discharged men—are to be re-examined at once.

LETTER-WRITERS WARNED

New Order to Protect Lives of Troops from U-Boats.

The public are warned that, in view of the great importance of preventing information concerning the embarkation of troops for overseas from becoming generally known, letters for officers and men under orders to embark must be addressed to the last station in the United Kingdom of the officer or man concerned, and not to the port of embarkation.

Any letter which contravenes this warning will be treated as undeliverable.

WILL TRAM DISPUTE BE SETTLED?

It is hoped that the national strike of tramway and omnibus workers, fixed for March 9, will be averted before then. The demand is for £1 a week increase.

The employers state they are willing to grant an increased war bonus, but consider £1 a week exorbitant, because the tramway and omnibus workers had the offer increased since the war, whereas the commercial vehicle workers had not.

WONDERS OF THE WAR PHOTOGRAPHS.

Thrilling Reality-Pictures at Grafton Galleries.

TANKS AND JERUSALEM.

BY MAX PEMBERTON.

This is a war of records; achieving them and breaking them daily. Nothing staggers us, though every hour is staggering.

Some months ago we had a quite remarkable exhibition of Canadian war pictures at the Grafton Galleries.

People agreed that it surpassed anything which had gone before. They will say the same of the new exhibition—due entirely to the efforts of the Ministry of Information—which is to be opened in the same rooms by Field-Marshal Viscount French on Monday next.

Here assuredly an absolutely new record is to be chronicled. There has never been anything like this collection in the story of photography.

It is the war at our very doors—the colour of war, the tragedy of war, the comedy which comes even in the tragic hour.

These are pictures in the main of British soldiers and they are pictures in colour. The art

NO SECRET RATIONS.

There are to be no secret rations.

An order issued by the Food Controller yesterday on the subject bans effectively the receipt by post of any rationed food or the sale, or transfer, from one person to another of meat coupons.

A person, for instance, trying to pass a coupon given to him by a vegetarian friend can be prosecuted.

Use Them Next Week.—Food coupons not used this week can, under a temporary concession, be used for next week.

40,000 Boys for the Land.—Fourty thousand boys are wanted for the land by the National Service Department.

of them is always satisfying and in some cases it moves to absolute enthusiasm.

Such a scene as the advance of the tanks at Cambrai could never have been imagined by any painter nor its detail engrained.

Yet this gargantuan photograph puts the man in the street in the very flame of battle. He is there with the shells falling and "Tommy" pressing on, and the vasty monsters creeping camouflaged to the very work.

And a moment later he may turn to cry: "Why, there's a pretty girl," when he looks upon the portraits of three Waacs baking, and declares the humanity of them to be stupendous. Death is here, and cheek by jowl is life. You pace a few steps to be carried from Occident to Orient, and while one moment you are gazing at dead and bayoneted Huns in the ruins of a ghastly trench, at the next you are looking upon General Allenby waiting in Jerusalem.

We get the very duns of the desert; atmosphere of sand which the wind is blowing; the strings of camels which vanish into the mists of an infinite horizon—dead horses rotting far from any oasis; the Nile and the Tigris with their blues and greys; Bagdad and its mosques—Jews and Turks and the grouping of the infidel.

"HIS LIFE FOR HIS MEN."

Heroic Officer Seizes Live Bomb Which Explodes in His Hand.

The heroism of an officer in saving the lives of his men at the expense of his own is recorded in last night's *London Gazette*, which announces that the King has awarded the Albert Medal to Second Lieutenant Ian Forbes Clark Badenoch, 20th Battalion Royal Fusiliers.

The official story is as follows:— "On March 19, 1917, during bombing practice in France, a live bomb thrown by one of the party failed to clear the parapet and fell back into the bombing pit."

"Lieutenant Badenoch at once rushed to pick up the bomb and throw it out of the pit. He collided with the man who had thrown it, but persisted in his attempt, and was in the act of throwing the bomb when it exploded and he was mortally wounded."

"Lieutenant Badenoch's prompt and courageous action undoubtedly saved the man who threw the bomb from death or severe injury."

NEWS ITEMS.

Belgian Call to the Colours.—Male Belgians born in 1899 are, by a Belgian Royal Decree, called to the colours.

Lock of Milton's Hair.—What is reported to be Dr. Johnson's lock of Milton's hair is to be sold by Messrs. Puttick in London this month.

Operation on Mr. Redmond.—Mr. John Redmond, M.P., underwent successfully a serious operation in a London nursing home yesterday.

Lieutenant Ball.—A message has been transmitted by the German Red Cross to the family of Lieutenant A. O. Ball stating that the young aviator is a prisoner in Karlsruhe Camp.

A.S.E. and Man-Power.—There is every likelihood (says the Central News) that a meeting of the committee of eight appointed by the Trades Union Conference to negotiate with the Amalgamated Society of Engineers on the man-power proposals will be held next week.

JAPAN AND SIBERIA. BRITAIN AND AMERICA CONFER

Lord Reading Sees Mr. Lansing—America's Position—Japan Ready in Fortnight.

HEAVY GERMAN ATTACKS ON THE FRENCH

Slight Foe Gain in Champagne After Swaying Battle—Americans Outfight Picked Raiding Party.

Japan and Siberia.—Lord Reading has conferred with Mr. Lansing (U.S. Secretary of State) on Siberia, and afterwards Mr. Lansing conferred with President Wilson. While an Exchange New York correspondent learns on "high authority" that Japan is ready to take action in a fortnight if America sanctions it, Reuter, from "an authoritative Japanese source," says Japan has made no proposal regarding action, but has asked the Allies for their views on the Russian developments.

BRITISH TUG DEFIES SIX HUNS HURL NEW FORCES AGAINST THE FRENCH.

Sturdy Skipper and His Loyal Crew Run Gauntlet of Bullets.

ATTACKED OFF HOLLAND.

AMSTERDAM, Wednesday (received yesterday).—The *Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant* reports that an attack was made yesterday by a number of German aeroplanes on the Swedish barque *Maorlands*, which was being towed to England from Rotterdam by the British tug *Lady Carmichael*.

The attack was carried out by six German aeroplanes about 10.30 a.m. Some of the crew of the barque jumped overboard and were afterwards picked up. Those who remained on board received no injury.

According to a statement by Captain Monk, of the *Maorlands*, the captain of the *Lady Carmichael* succeeded by his seamanship and skill in steering his tug, with the barque in tow, amid a shower of bullets back at full speed to the New Waterway.

The tug shows everywhere marks of attack. "Nevertheless," as the account says, "the captain, whose name is John Dempsey, remained to the last at his post, loyally supported by his crew, consisting entirely of Englishmen, as the only foreigner who was on board jumped overboard shortly after the attack."—Reuter

PICKED UP BY DUTCH.

A Dutch torpedo-boat on Wednesday, adds a Central News Hoke of Holland message, landed six men, of whom five belong to the *Maorlands*. The crew of the barque left in two boats and the tug made back into the New Waterway. One boat, containing three men, subsequently returned to the ship, while the other, after drifting for some time, was picked up by the Dutch warship. A donkeyman and a sailor on the tug were wounded.

During the attack the tow-rope parted and communication between the *Maorlands* and the *Lady Carmichael* became impossible.

An attack also made on the British steamer *Princess Irma* (7) is stated to have taken place in territorial waters.

The bombs missed and the aeroplanes disappeared in a northerly direction.—Central News.

AMERICANS ATTACKED.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Friday.—The Germans early this morning made a vigorous raid on our trenches in the Foul sector after heavy artillery preparation.

Two hundred and forty Prussians followed the barrage across the levelled trenches and swept around the rear trench salient into the American lines, where sharp hand-to-hand fighting ensued. The enemy on retreating left twelve dead and three prisoners within the trenches.

Many bodies were hanging on our wire and lying in front of it. We lost a few killed, wounded and missing.

The raid was a complete failure, the Americans outfighting the Prussians from start to finish.—Reuter's Special.

EAST AFRICAN FIGHTING.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

On February 22 the advanced troops of our columns from Lake Nyasa dispersed the enemy rearguard in the area between Mtende and Masini. Bombs (thirty-five miles south-east of Matika), capturing a large quantity of food-stuffs and some equipment.

On February 26 our column from Port Amelia occupied Meza (about sixty-five miles inland from the coast), dislodging a weak enemy detachment, which retired after offering some opposition. Heavy rains are falling.

Changing Fortunes in Stiff Fighting in Champagne.

AMERICANS' FINE WORK.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

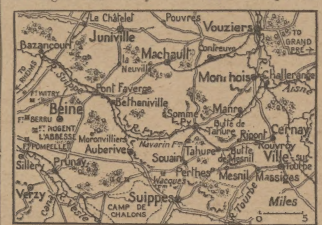
Night.—During the day the artillery duel assumed a character of some intensity in the region to the north and north-west of Rheims, as well as in Champagne, chiefly in the region of the heights near Tahure and on the Suippes.

To the south-west of the Butte du Mesnil the Germans, after having been driven by our counter-attacks from some points into which they had penetrated this morning returned to the assault with fresh forces.

After several unsuccessful attempts, which cost them heavy losses, they succeeded in regaining a footing in a part of the positions which we captured on February 13.

On the right of the Meuse and in the Woeuvre the enemy violently bombarded our first lines on the Beaumont-Chaume Wood front, as well as in the region of Seicheprey, where a big enemy raid was repulsed, some prisoners being left in our hands.

On two of the points attacked by the enemy last night and to-day the German troops who



were specially trained for raiding came into contact with American infantry.

Our Allies everywhere maintained their lines intact, inflicting appreciable losses on the attackers and capturing prisoners.—Reuter.

Afternoon.—East of Chavignon two attacking columns of the enemy were driven back with heavy losses.

During very lively artillery activity the civil hospice of Rheims was set on fire and systematically bombarded during the fire.

This morning a very lively enemy attack delivered against our new positions south-west of the Butte du Mesnil was driven back, except at one point, where the Germans gained a foothold in our advanced elements.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Afternoon.—Near Chavignon storming troops forced their way into the enemy's trenches and captured ten Americans and a few French prisoners.

Night.—In Champagne as well as between the Moselle and the Maas we carried out with good success some minor operations.

CIVILISED "DISGRACE."

Sir William Robertson, opening hospital extensions at Lincoln yesterday, said that never before had there been such an amount of destructive and death-dealing armaments nor such appalling casualties.

There would be still further sacrifices before the war could be brought to such a conclusion as would prevent a recurrence of the horrors and miseries.

That could only be by a peace which would remove the disgrace to civilisation existing before this war began. He meant the disgrace, the waste of labour and waste of life in nations maintaining great armies for the purpose of destroying each other.



The question of Japanese action in Siberia has been the subject of a conference between Britain and U.S. The British share Siberian Railway running from Petrograd to the sea of Japan.

4 TONS OF BOMBS ON FOE AERODROME AND BILLET.

British Airmen's Brilliant Night Raid Between Hailstorms.

BRITISH AIR OFFICIAL.

9.20 P.M.—Our aeroplanes took advantage of the few fine intervals on February 28 to carry out work in conjunction with the artillery, and also to drop bombs on two of the enemy's ammunition dumps south of Lille, as well as on railway sidings at Courtrai and Deynze (south-west of Ghent). One of our machines is missing. After dark our machines again took the air in the intervals between the hailstorms. Four tons of bombs were dropped on a large hostile aerodrome midway between Tournai and Mons, and on billets in the neighbourhood of Douai. All our machines returned.

FRENCH AIR OFFICIAL.

Friday.—Yesterday one of our crews carried out a photographic reconnaissance as far as Marienburg, more than fifty miles behind the enemy lines.—Reuter.

BIGGER POWERS FOR THE WAR SECRETARY.

Our Versailles Delegate Responsible to Lord Derby.

The greater powers conferred on the Secretary for War, Lord Derby, were detailed last night in the *London Gazette*.

This contained an Order in Council relating to the creation by Letters Patent of the office of Permanent British Military Representative, British Section, Supreme War Council. The order states:

The Secretary of State is to be responsible to his Majesty and Parliament for all the business of the Army Council; and all business, other than business which he specially reserves to himself, is to be transacted in the following principal divisions:—

The Chief of the Imperial General Staff, the Adjutant-General, the Quartermaster-General, the Medical General, the Commissary-General, the Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff, shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of so much of the business relating to the organisation, disposition, personnel, armament and maintenance of the Army as shall be assigned to them by him.

The Permanent British Military Representative, Supreme War Council, shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the performance of such duties as may, from time to time, be assigned to him by the Secretary of State.

BRITISH RAID NEAR YPRES

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Friday. 9.45 A.M.—A successful raid, in which we captured a few prisoners, was carried out by Stafford and Cheshire troops last night, north of the Ypres-Staden Railway.

There has been some artillery activity on both sides during the night in the neighbourhood of Vacquerie and east of Ypres.

9.20 P.M.—A few prisoners have been brought in by Portuguese troops as the result of patrol encounters.

Beyond considerable hostile activity at different points between Ribemont (south-west of Cambrai) and the Scarpe River, nothing further of special interest has occurred during the day.

In the month of February, 1918, we have captured 512 prisoners, including sixteen officers, and also twenty machine guns and one flamewerfer.

German Official.—Attacks launched during the night north of Poelkapelle by English infantry, after violent artillery preparation, broke down. On the rest of the front artillery activity revived at many points in support of minor reconnoitring engagements.

LORD READING SEES MR. LANSING.

U.S. Position in Siberia Not Defined.

MR. WILSON CONSULTED.

WASHINGTON, Friday.—Lord Reading conferred with Mr. Lansing on Siberia.

It is understood that he was informed that America's position was not defined.

Mr. Lansing afterwards conferred with Mr. Wilson.—Exchange.

A Reuter's message says that Japan's proposal was taken up at a Cabinet meeting. It is understood that no conclusions were reached, but exchanges of opinion are making favourable progress.

President Wilson is studying the question of American participation with the Japanese to the exclusion of all other subjects.

It is officially announced that the American Ambassador in Petrograd, Mr. Francis, with his staff, and the American Consulate, the Military Mission and Red Cross representatives left Petrograd for Volodga on February 27 by rail.—Reuter.

New York, Friday.—I learn on high authority that, if America sanctions it, Japan is prepared to dispatch troops to Siberia in a fortnight to protect the Allied interest there, and that shortly thereafter more troops will be available.—Exchange.

Paris, Friday.—The *Petit Journal* says: The general exodus of Entente diplomatists does not appear to be due to the advance of the Germans, but seems to confirm the impending intervention of Japan in Siberia.

Reuter's Agency is informed that a few days ago the Imperial Japanese Government, through its Ambassadors, addressed inquiries to the Allied Governments asking for an expression of their views on the latest developments in Russia.

There has been, however, no proposed military, or otherwise, action on the side of Japan.

HAS GERMANY BROKEN OFF NEW PEACE PARLEY?

"Most Probable," Says Lenin—Delegates' S.O.S. Message.

Lenin has sent out the following announcement:—

On March 1 the following message was received from Brest-Litovsk: "Send us a train to Torosino (near Pskov) escorted by sufficiently large forces. Communicate with Krylenko concerning the bodyguards." (Signed) Karahan.

This message most probably signifies that the peace negotiations have been broken off by the Germans. We must be ready for an immediate German advance to Petrograd and on all fronts generally. It is necessary for all the people to rise and to strengthen the measures taken for the defence.

It is feared, says the Press Association, that there is now nothing to prevent the Germans from taking the whole of the Russian fleet in the Baltic and the Black Sea.

GERMANS PUSHING ON.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Our troops have reached the Dniester in their advance eastwards along the northern frontier of the Ukraine. Near Rjetchchiza they encountered a strongly fortified bridgehead which was defended by the enemy.

The town and the railway station were taken by storm and a few hundred prisoners captured. At Mospyr we captured the Pripiet flotilla of six armoured boats, thirty-six motor-boats and six hospital boats.

The railway line Kieff-Smerinka was reached near Fastoff and Kasatin.

Austro-Hungarian troops, appealed to by the Ukrainian Government and population for protection against bands of robbers, marched into the Ukraine on wide sectors north of the Pruth.—Admiral per Wireless Press.

Austrian Official.—Up to the present about 10,000 Russians have laid down their arms, and considerable quantities of ammunition, carts and rolling stock have been salvaged.

FOE VESSELS MINED.

AMSTERDAM, Friday.—A telegram from The Hague announced that some small naval vessels of the enemy were sunk and others could be seen floating off the coast.

According to earlier messages, heavy gunfire was heard all night off Vlieland, and it was believed that a naval engagement had taken place. Rafts with other shipwrecked men could be seen floating off the coast.

(Vlieland is an island of the Netherlands off the entrance to the Zuider Zee.)

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RUSSIANS GOING HOME AGAIN.

THE WOMEN WON'T BE BEATEN



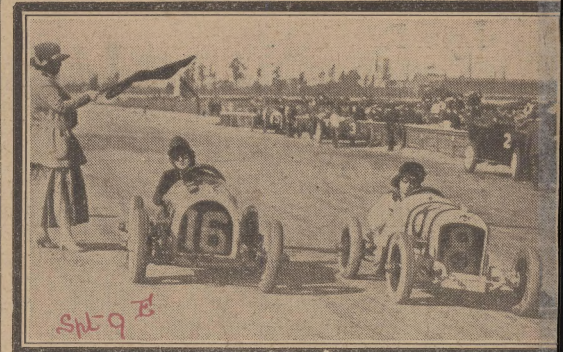
Second Lieut. A. F. Fynmore, R.F.C., injured whilst flying, is a great-grandson of the last survivor of Trafalgar.



Cpl. Norman P. Walter, of the Canadian Field Artillery, who has been awarded the Military Medal for valour.



A group of Russian soldiers crowding into a railway station. There is a general stampede to get away from the front—and back to the farm—as quickly as possible. No time is lost in the endeavour.



The start of the motor race at Ascot Park, California. All the officials and competitors were women.

"TAKE COVER" IN PARIS.



A siren employed in the streets of Paris to give air raid warnings. It is sounded on the approach of hostile aircraft, and the citizens of Paris proceed to "take cover." The sound of the siren is distinctly heard throughout the capital.

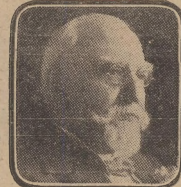
ROMANCE OF THE WAR.



Lieutenant West, R.F.A., and his newly-wedded bride. The bride is in overalls at a National Filling Factory. The bridegroom in the same factory.



WAR WORKER.—Mrs. Hellyway, wife of Professor Rudolph Hellyway, who was working for Welsh Day yesterday.



DEAD.—Mr. Thomas Tyer, F.I.C., F.C.S., a past president of the Society of Chemical Industry, who has died.



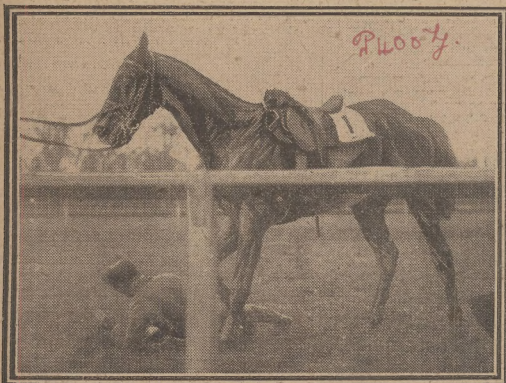
STAGE STAR.—A portrait of Miss E. Drayton, who is playing in "Beauty Spot" at the Gaiety Theatre.

WAR PICTURES AT GRAFTON GALLERIES.



A soldier points out to an officer the place where he was wounded. One of the pictures to be shown in the War Picture Exhibition, which will be open at the Grafton Galleries on Monday.

SCENES IN THE WINDSOR STEEPLECHASE—SECOND DAY.



Mr. J. Anthony falls from White Bay at the last jump. At the second day of the Windsor steeplechases H. Smyth fell from Mark Back in the Royal Handicap.



Hawkins brings back Smyth.

COLONEL AS PRIVATE'S BEST MAN.



Colonel Hill, D.S.O., Royal Canadian Regiment, accompanied by Mrs. Hill, attended the wedding of his faithful servant, Stroud, at St. Mary's, Toronto. He acted as best man and also gave the bride away.

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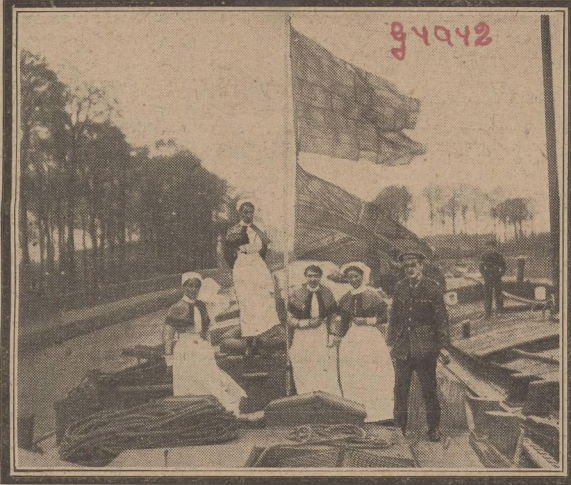
BRITISH RED CROSS BARGES ON THE CANALS OF FRANCE.



J. Atkinson, of Great Police Court, has just completed his ninth year in the police force.



Cpl. G. Noble, awarded D.C.M. for gallantry in the heavy fire. He was badly wounded.



A Red Cross barge on a canal in France used for the transport of wounded. The brave women of the Red Cross are doing wonderful work at the front. Not the least useful consists in the care and equipment of Red Cross barges which are



Cot of wounded soldiers in a Red Cross barge. used for the transport of wounded soldiers and conveyed along the canals of Northern France.—(Official photographs.)

WORK FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.



Discharged soldiers are being taught horticulture in the Royal Gardens at Windsor. One of the gardeners is explaining the way to cut the fruit trees.

FRITZ DISPORTS HIMSELF.



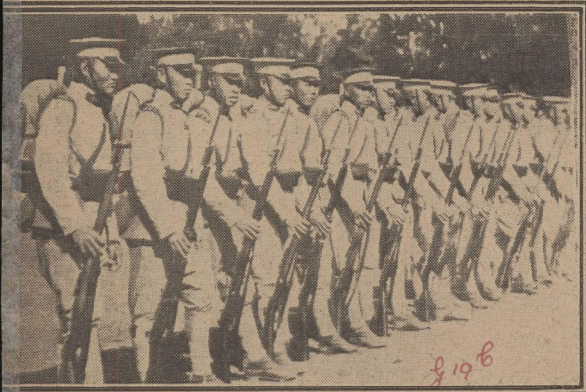
Preparations for the coming offensive do not monopolize the time of the Germans to the exclusion of all other interests. Fritz, it will be seen from the above photograph, has other ways of making himself at home in France.

PRINCE HENRY AS AN OARSMAN.



The Eton boys' annual procession of boats from Windsor Bridge to Sandbank and back took place yesterday. Prince Henry rowed in the "Dreadnought," and is seen on the left of the photograph.

THE EAST COMES TO THE AID OF THE WEST—JAPAN PREPARED TO RESTORE ORDER IN SIBERIA.



A company of Chinese infantry on guard at the gate of a review ground. According to information received, Japan is about to intervene in Siberia. The Entente Powers are stated to have given their consent. China is to co-operate by sending four divisions.



Typical soldiers of the Japanese Army. They are not dissimilar in appearance to the Chinese.

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VENICE AND THE VATICAN

WHEN Venice began to be threatened by the new barbarians, we heard the customary optimistic assurances, in common conversation, to the effect that "of course" the Hun would not dare to harm the wonderful city.

Didn't he, in old days, choose it as his chief sentimental residence? Didn't he make the air loud with his gutturals there? Didn't he spend his honeymoon there and afflict all other nationalities (gathered for coffee in the Piazza) with his ill-bred manifestations of amorous enthusiasm?

Besides, he would surely respect this jewel-casket, if only for the plunder it provides.

We doubted much, when we heard all this, because we remembered Rheims, and the other glorious buildings ruthlessly destroyed. We remembered the air attacks upon Paris—one, notably, on Notre Dame. We remembered Padua. Why should the barbarians respect anything? The excuse can be always that each town bombed was being "used for a military purpose."

It is turning out as we feared and supposed. And we begin to doubt whether we shall ever see Venice, Padua, lovely Verona, Vicenza, paradise of Palladio, any more!

Venice has again been severely damaged, and only chance has preserved the charming Church of the Salute; the Doge's Palace; above all, the miracle of St. Mark's. May all good Venetians pray that their great protector shall intervene for them! "The age of miracles is closed." But to the mind of faith nothing is impossible.

And here it is that a means of help occurs to one, apart from such counter-offensive and defensive military measures as the Italians are able to take. There is, apart from these fighting measures, one possible way of securing the safety of their buildings.

That would be by direct and stern intervention of the Vatican.

We venture to point out that the Pope has indeed already most usefully protested against these raids; and the Vatican newspapers, together with the Austrian, have told us that a messenger was sent from Rome to the Austrian Emperor, some time back, on this account. Apparently with no result!

Will the Vatican rest there?

We do not dare to urge its policy into any departure from neutrality. But this is, precisely, a neutral case—a case when utterly meaningless destruction of Catholic churches constitutes an insult to Catholic sentiment in Italy and all over the world. The Pope's predecessor, whose noble *nunc dimittis* sounded in the world's conscience at the outbreak of the war, was, we remember, a Venetian. The bells of Venice sounded continually in his imagination. His love and devotion went out always to his native place. Will his successor be less ardent to protect the city patronised by the evangelist?

We cannot believe it. The whole moral weight of the Church will go to stop or to punish the wretches who are bent on wiping out beauty respected by centuries of war and peace, and laden with the reverence of many generations of artists and religious men.

W. M.

IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 1.—Many vegetable seeds may be raised under glass. Let the soil be light and contain plenty of leaf-mould and sand. After placing plenty of crocks in the box, pass the soil through a fine sieve and use the stones and lumps for placing on the top of the drainage. Then press the dry mould level and give a good watering. The seeds should be sown thinly and evenly and just covered with a fine soil. Cover the box with brown paper and a sheet of glass until germination has taken place.

E. F. T.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

In all negotiations of difficulty, a man may not look to sow and reap at once; but must prepare business, and so ripen it by degrees.

Bacon.



New picture of Miss Heather Thatcher, appearing in "The Boy" at the Adelphi Theatre.



Miss Dangar, an Australian lady working with a London newspaper column.

FIRST FLAG DAY.

Rewards for the Merchant Service — Fees for Women Lawyers.

THE FLAG DAY season began yesterday. It was a trying day for the fair vendors of the Welsh flags and emblems, for a nipping north-easter swept through the streets. However, the Welsh high hats and red cloaks were picturesque; and I acquired "Lloyd George buttons" and dragon flags to an incredible extent during my rambles.

For Welsh Heroes.—I made one of a large crowd at Lloyd's when Mrs. Lloyd George, ac-

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

Our Sea-Dogs.—Mr. George Lambert, I am told, intends to press the Government for some tangible reward to our heroic merchant seamen, who go to sea time after time after being torpedoed.

Civil Lord.—Mr. Lambert's interest in the sea and seamen is increased by the fact that he was Civil Lord of the Admiralty for some time. By occupation he is a tenant farmer. He has a great admiration for Lord Fisher.

Higher Fares.—I hear rumours of an increase in Tube fares. Why this should be I do not know, for the Tubes are carrying far more passengers than in ante-bellum days and the revenue is proportionately increased.

Do You Film?—Being filmed is a new hobby. I am told that a moving picture of notable women engaged in war work will be shown for the first time at the Empire, when the Irish Guards have their matinee.

Handies the "Dough."—Canadians in England will take a lively interest in the

The Largest Gathering.—There was a remarkable gathering of Press representatives at the Grafton Galleries yesterday to view the first exhibition of British war coloured photographs. It was the largest gathering of its kind which has ever been attracted by an exhibition of photographs.

At the Grafton Galleries.—"Dreadnoughts of the Battlefeld" is the title given to the biggest photograph in the world. This, as I have told you before, may be seen on and after Monday at the Grafton Galleries.

At the Palace.—I noticed that the Queen, in furs, and Princess Mary were animatedly discussing the programme of the Palace (Shaftesbury-avenue) matinee in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors. In the next box were the Princess Royal, Princess Arthur of Connaught and Princess Maud.

Others There.—Mlle. Adeline Genée sold programmes, and others there were Baroness Percy de Worms, Lady Phillips and Lady Price. Mr. George Robey auctioned the manuscript of Sir Henry Newbolt's specially-written poem for a huge price.

A Good Start.—Sir John Ellerman, who is a noted shipowner, among other things, I hear, promised to start the "Bank Banks" new campaign in London by buying a million pounds worth of bonds. It is not everybody who can do this.

No Dining Out.—We may have our troubles with our own restaurants, but there are others. "Restaurant life is finished in Petrograd," writes a friend. "The Bear, Contant and Donnon are almost deserted. People have not the money and also are afraid to venture to the resorts of the 'upper classes'."

Black Guards.—"Last week," he continues, "I was dining at the Bear and two Red Guards entered. They searched every diner for arms, officers and civilians alike, feeling in their pockets, and blowing cigarette smoke into the faces of their lady guests."

Out of Germany.—I notice that another batch of British prisoners of war has arrived in Holland for internment, among them the Hon. George Bingham, Lord Clanmorris' brother, of the Royal Welsh, who was captured in 1915.

Duke's Uncle.—Another returned prisoner is Lord Gerald Grosvenor, of the Scots Guards, an uncle of the Duke of Westminster. He has had some experience in warfare, being both wounded and "mentioned" during the trouble in South Africa. Lord Hugh Grosvenor, of the Life Guards, was reported "missing" in 1916.

Father and Son.—Viscount Holmesdale, who has just been gazetted adjutant in the Coldstreamers, is one of the Old Contemptibles, and was wounded early in the war. His father, Earl Amherst, was a captain in the same distinguished regiment.

Soldier Cricketers.—The Army has always been fond of cricket. Wherefore the Chevrans Club, which is composed of N.C.O.s and P.O.s, is starting a cricket club. Lord Hawke, I am told, will take the chair at the first meeting, which is on Monday.

On the Sick List.—I am sorry to hear that Miss Faith Bevan, of Daly's, is down with appendicitis. She was to sing at a concert yesterday—one of the St. David's Day celebrations—but was unable to. This was very disappointing for a patriotic Cymric singer and the audience.

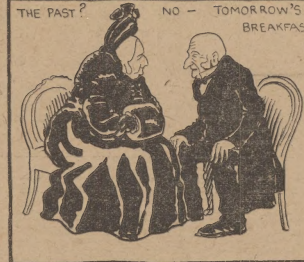
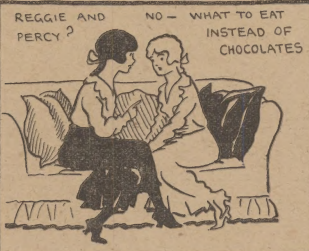
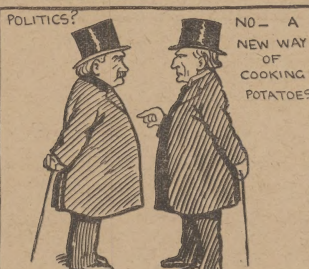
Run Down.—I hear that Mr. Herman Finck, composer, has been ordered a short rest, in order to compose his nerves. One cannot write music, conduct a musical show eight times a week and fire off epigrams all day long without suffering for it.

Opera Again.—Although he deprecates London's musical taste, Sir Thomas Beecham will open his opera season at Drury Lane to-day all the same. He starts off with the "Marriage of Figaro" in the afternoon and "Aida" at night.

For the "Duc Ration."—I saw a very neat ration card yesterday. It had a pocket for food cards and a special compartment for sugar, butter and so on. But the designer had frankly ignored any compartment for meat!

THE RAMBLER.

WHAT ARE THEY ALL TALKING ABOUT?



Nothing but food. We suffer little inconvenience, but we talk about it all the time. (By W. K. Haselden.)

accompanied by Lady Owen Phillips and the Lord Mayor of London, received £2,530 in donations for her fund. The chairman of Lloyd's, Mr. C. I. de Rougemont, Sir Ernest Cooper and Admiral Englefield were there.

Amalgamation.—Everybody is pleased that Lord Colwyn will be the chairman of the committee which is to inquire into the question of bank amalgamations. He is a hard-headed Lancashire business man and a bank director.

The Sea Position.—Parliamentary interest in the early part of next week will centre on Sir Eric Geddes' statement on the posture of things at sea. Recent events in Russia have presented new problems to the Allied Admiralties, and I expect an interesting debate.

Prince Promoted.—I notice that Prince Albert is now a full lieutenant. The official announcement was made yesterday.

forthcoming wedding of Mr. Cyril Cassels to Mrs. Eastwood. Mr. Cassels is the London manager of the Bank of Montreal, and millions of dollars in pay for Canadian troops come here under his supervision.

Lady Lawyers.—Lord Buckmaster's Bill for admitting women as solicitors comes before the Lords for second reading on Tuesday. I am rather wondering if a lady lawyer would charge six and eightpence three farthings for writing a letter.

Prince as Oarsman.—Prince Henry seems the most athletic of the King's sons. He ran well last week and now I hear that he took part in the procession of boats at Eton, rowing in the Dreadnought.

Another Przemysl.—Versailles, to some folk, seems as troublesome as Przemysl. During the last fortnight I have heard it pronounced Versels, Wors-hale and Fizzle!

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ANCIENT AND MODERN.



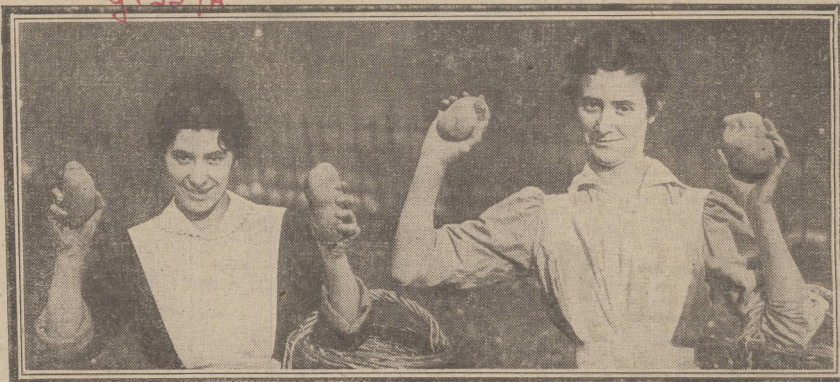
Mrs. Riley as Cleopatra in a fancy dress ball held by munition workers giving advice to her daughter, a Waac, before leaving for abroad.

HOW THE MEAT IS KEPT FROZEN.



The photograph shows the refrigerator pipes leading to the cold storage chambers in a food ship destined for one of our ports.

THE SORT OF POTATOES YOU SHOULD TRY TO GROW.



Try and grow four fine potatoes like these. These girls have done it. Why should not you?



Sorting potatoes.



The cook and the housemaid weighing potatoes.

The Daily Mirror is offering a prize of £500 to the amateur potato grower. Other prizes to the extent of £250 are also offered. A cook and a housemaid who are already proving potato experts. (Daily Mirror photographs.)



A SWIM AT PALM BEACH.—Breasting the waves at Palm Beach, Florida, on floating mattresses, while a little farther north people are wondering when the snowstorm is going to abate.



PRINCESS "PAT" AT A HOSPITAL.—Princess Patricia, always interested in hospital work, paid a visit to King's College Hospital. She is seen, holding a muff, in the centre of the photograph.

"KULTUR'S" LATEST TRIUMPH AT SEA—SOME OF THE SURVIVORS FROM THE GLENART CASTLE



Mr. J. Kelly, a member of the crew.



George Wilson, the second cook on the vessel.



Mr. A. E. Phillips, one of the crew.



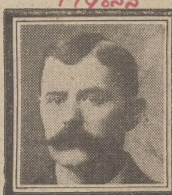
C. S. Dear, who was 61 hours in open boat.



Mr. G. Lagdon, a member of the crew.



T. Fisk, the butcher aboard the boat.



Daniel Davies, a member of the crew.

It has now been placed beyond any possibility of a doubt that the Glenart Castle was sunk by an enemy submarine, which was sighted within hailing distance within ten minutes of her being struck. The total number saved so far reported is twenty-nine. Above will be seen some of the survivors.—(Exclusive to The Daily Mirror.)